AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

This application is the US national phase of international application **PCT/EP2004/008331**, filed **26 July 2004**, which designated the U.S. and claims priority of **IT BO2003A000451**, filed **29 July 2003**, the entire contents of each of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3 line 1, as follows:

In a first aspect of the invention, a container delimited by a wall ~~means~~arrangement is provided comprising a shaped wall ~~means~~arrangement that protrudes towards the exterior of said container, said container comprising a stiffening ~~means~~ element arranged to stiffen said shaped wall ~~means~~arrangement, ~~characterised in that~~wherein said stiffening ~~means~~ element comprises a stiffening wall ~~means~~ distanced from said shaped wall ~~means~~arrangement.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3 line 8, as follows:

Owing to the stiffening wall ~~means~~, it is possible to obtain a container provided with a shaped wall ~~means~~arrangement provided with relatively high stability, even when subject to squeezing by a user or to accidental mechanical stresses due to external bodies.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3 line 13, as follows:

The stiffening wall ~~means~~ furthermore enables the flaps of the prior art to be eliminated, thereby simplifying container packaging operations, and particularly the difficulties of folding and gluing the known flaps are overcome.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3 line 17, as follows:

In a second aspect of the invention, a foldable blank is provided for forming a container, comprising a first greater panel, a second greater panel, a longitudinal panel ~~means~~ that extends parallel to said first greater panel, a longitudinal strip that has a longitudinal side in common with said longitudinal panel ~~means~~, ~~characterised in that~~wherein said longitudinal panel ~~means~~ is subdivided into a first zone that has a side in common with said first greater panel, and a second zone that has a side in common with said longitudinal strip.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3 line 27, as follows:

The foldable blank according to this aspect of the invention enables a container to be obtained that is provided with a shaped wall ~~means~~arrangement formed starting at the first zone of the longitudinal panel ~~means~~ and with a stiffening wall ~~means~~ formed starting at the second zone of the longitudinal panel ~~means~~. The second zone of the longitudinal panel ~~means~~ replaces the flaps of known foldable blanks and therefore

enable the stiffness of the shaped wall ~~means~~ arrangement to be increased, thereby simultaneously overcoming the drawbacks connected with the presence of the flaps.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 1, as follows:

The first greater panel 17 is furthermore adjacent to a longitudinal panel ~~means~~ 45 arranged on opposite sides of the axis of symmetry Z1. Each longitudinal panel ~~means~~ 45 comprises a first zone 22 connected to the first greater panel 17 along a respective longitudinal border 44, and a second zone 24 adjacent to a respective longitudinal strip 26.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 19, as follows:

The longitudinal strips 26 are connected to the second zone 24 of the longitudinal panel ~~means~~ 45 along second longitudinal creases 25 parallel to the axis of symmetry Z1. Such strips are trapezium-shaped, being delimited transversely to the axis of symmetry Z1, by segments 27 converging towards the exterior of the foldable blank 14. In this way, the length L1 of each longitudinal strip 26, measured in the direction of the axis of symmetry Z1 from the external part of the foldable blank 14, is slightly less than the length L2 of the respective second longitudinal crease 25. This enables interference between the longitudinal strips 26 and the first transverse panel 16 or the second transverse panel 18 to be avoided both during folding operations of the foldable blank 14 and in the finished packet 1.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 4, as follows:

In the packet 1, the first external panels 28 and the second external panels 29 are externally superimposed on the first zones 22 of the longitudinal panel ~~means~~ 45 and are glued to them to form the side walls 6. The first external panels 28, the second external panels 29 and the first zones 22 of the longitudinal panel ~~means~~ 45 are provided with a plurality of longitudinal creases 30 that enable the panels 28 and 29 and the zones 22 to take on an arched configuration corresponding to the curved borders 31 that laterally delimit the first transverse panel 16 and the second transverse panel 18, in such a way as to create in the packet 1 concave side walls 6 of the type shown in Figure 3.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8 line 16, as follows:

During packaging of the packet 1, the second zones 24 of the longitudinal panel ~~means~~ 45 are folded inside the first zones 22 in such a way as to extend between a front longitudinal edge 11 and the corresponding rear longitudinal edge 12. The longitudinal strips 26 are folded 90º in relation to the second zones 24, until they come to rest against the first greater panel 17 that forms the rear wall 5, and are subsequently glued into contact with the panel. In this way the configuration shown in Figure 3 can be obtained.